

The Rush County Council met in regular session on Wednesday, April 9, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. with Gerald Mohr, Chairman, Warren Norris, Charles Smith, Janet Kile, Marvin Hedrick, Kevin Spilman, Jerry Kent, Mary Ann Beard, Auditor and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance.

Chairman, Gerald Mohr called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the March meeting were approved on a motion by Marvin Hedrick and seconded by Jerry Kent.

SOLID WASTE

Carole Yeend, director of Clean Green Rush reported that the Solid Waste Board had approved participation with the City of Rushville for a new trash & recycling program. Yeend was asking permission to advertise for an additional appropriation for \$4,200 to purchase recycling bins that would display the solid waste logo with a list of recyclable items on the lid. Charles Smith moved to allow the advertising. Janet Kile seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Ashley Stevens, director of Community Corrections presented a request for additional appropriations for Project Income/User Fees in the amount of \$91,000. Marvin Hedrick moved to approve the appropriation with Warren Norris seconding the motion. Motion carried. Stevens reported that her department received a site visit from DOC and they were extremely pleased with the progress of the Community Corrections program. There have been 91 participants in the program.

EMS

Verlin Custer submitted the quarterly financial report for Raleigh Volunteer Fire Department in accordance with the county contract.

Anderson Township Ambulance also submitted their quarterly report. They have hired staff to cover the station for nights & weekends. They plan on replacing the ambulance this year and Anderson Township is not signing an intercept agreement with Rush Memorial Hospital.

Rush Memorial Hospital will present their quarterly report in May.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Sherwood reported that there are 47 inmates. The Sheriff reported that twenty four were incarcerated this weekend in a county wide drug raid. The annual jail report was submitted to the council. It was reported that Deputy Randy Meek's vehicle is back in service and the three new vehicles should be delivered anytime.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

Auditor Mary Ann Beard reported that she had met with Kevin Krekeler of Neace Lukens concerning the increase in workmen's comp premiums from \$68,036 in 2013 to \$91,814 in 2014. Krekeler explained that the County's claims have increased and the computation includes the history of the last three years. Mr. Krekeler offered to give a projection in June so that we would have a more accurate picture for budgets.

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The Rush County Redevelopment Commission held its organizational meeting on April 8th. The following appointments were made: Mark Bacon, Chairman; Jerry Kent, Vice-Chairman; Jerry Sitton, Secretary and Mary Ann Beard, Treasurer (by statute). Other members include Dr. Bob Jackman and Tom Barnes. The next meeting will be held on May 5th.

SALARY STUDY

The discussion of a salary study that was recommended during the budget process last year was re-visited. Marvin Hedrick, Jerry Kent, the Highway Superintendent, the Sheriff, and a representative from the Auditor's Office will work on a salary schedule and report in June.

AUDITOR

- The council was asked to change the date of the next Council meeting so the auditor may attend the State called Auditor's Conference. That date was set for Monday, May 12th at 8:00a.m.

AREA PLAN

The interim Area Plan director, Marvin Rees informed the Council that the Commissioners postponed the hiring of an APC Director for 30 days.

AUDIENCE

Phil Gordon, candidate for County Council shared his views that the formation of a County Redevelopment Commission and the hiring of an APC director was an unnecessary expansion of government.

Motion to adjourn was initiated by Charles Smith. Kevin Spilman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

/s/ Gerald Mohr
Gerald Mohr, Chairman

/s/ Warren Norris
Warren Norris

/s/ Charles Smith
Charles Smith

/s/ Janet Kile
Janet Kile

/s/ Marvin Hedrick
Marvin Hedrick

/s/ Kevin Spilman
Kevin Spilman

/s/ Jerry Kent
Jerry Kent

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary Ann Beard
Mary Ann Beard, Auditor